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May 8, 1941.

Mrs. Effa Manley  
Newark, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Manley:

I talked to Semler and Forbes in reference to Satchell Paige and they advised me that in view of the publicity that has been put out on him, it would do a great deal of harm to all of our games in New York not to have him pitch.

They advised me that Paige is in the East because Kansas City would not send him any money, and he has no way of getting there without it. Semler only has him for this one game, and signed him for it figuring that he would help pull a big crowd and enable him to make some money which would get his team and himself a good start, and assist in getting out of debt.

Frankly, I can't see where it can possibly hurt you or anyone else. To avoid any possible complications later, maybe it would be better to call the game that he pitches an exhibition game, which actually makes it a condition whereby it is the same as barrowing him from Kansas City for this particular game. As a matter of fact, I believe this is the thought Semler actually had in mind from the way he spoke to me, as he feels that he is helping them by giving Paige a chance to make enough money to enable him to report.

I really believe that this will be a big help to the New York promotion and can't do any harm to you. None of your people will come to New York while you are playing, while we may get quite a few fans who have never seen the National Negro League teams play, and if we impress them, as we should, they may become regular patrons.



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From reports that I already received, it seems that we are getting more publicity than heretofore, and certainly that should help you and everyone else on future promotions.

I know how you feel about the matter, and I'm going to ask you to just forget about it for the time being, and let it alone. Don't aggravate yourself about a situation that I think will prove beneficial all around. If the situation develops so that Paige decides to remain in the East, or that Kansas City doesn't want him, then we can get together at a meeting and decide what is to be done.

Regarding the payment to umpires, it really doesn't make much difference whether we take half from the visiting team or not, because it is eventually deducted from our fees anyway. As to those teams without fields, paying their share of the expense, I guess it will be up to me to take their money out of the New York promotions and the East-West game. However, I suggest that we let that go until we get together at a meeting.

Of course, I am in perfect accord with you on making sure that the teams without home parks definitely pay their share of the freight. I will see that your Mother and Dad get passes for the ball park here.

Hoping that you will agree with me and with best wishes for a real banner crowd at Newark and New York, I am

Sincerely,

*Ed. Gottlieb*  
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